

**ABSTRACT**

- [52] A linear motor system including compartmentalized stator sections provides an interchangeable and serviceable alternative to other linear motors. The stator sections may be individually-energized so that power is only sent to stator sections adjacent to the thrust plate or rotor of the linear motor. A sufficiently long thrust plate is used to cover any gaps in the linear stator, and additional compensation stator sections are used to provide additional motor force to the thrust plate adjacent to these gap sections. If utilized onboard a ship, additional compensation stator sections may be incorporated into the face of deck hatches. The linear motor system can also be used to counteract gravitational effects in a large hanging door system implementation.